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Honorable Ken Calvert
U.S. House of Representatives
2201 Rayburn Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: Support for HR2828

Dear Representative Calvert:

The Southern California Water Committee (SCWC) is writing in support of your efforts to authorize and appropriate federal funds for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. The successful passage of HR 2828 is essential to the health of California's economy and environment.

Although the CALFED Program has made progress towards increasing water reliability, and ecosystem restoration, without federal participation, the CALFED Program can never realize the important objectives set out in the Record of Decision. Much work remains. In fact, the lack of federal authorization and appropriations hampers the goal of balancing the various environmental, water supply, and water quality programs. That balance was critical in resolving the conflicts in the Bay Delta. Passage of HR 2828 is important to ensure adequate water resources for California's future.

The SCWC commends your leadership in authoring HR 2828 and we look forward to working with you, Senator Feinstein, and the California Congressional Delegation to secure CALFED authorization this year.

Sincerely yours,



Geoffrey Vanden Heuvel
Chair, SCWC Federal Re-authorization Task Force

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